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LIMDIS - FOR ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY STEDMAN FROM CRIMMINS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PDIP, MN

SUBJ: SIGNING CEREMONY FOR PANAMA CANAL TREATY

1. THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO RPT NO CHANCE THAT PRESIDENT GEISEL  
WOULD ACCEPT AN INVITATION. NOT ONLY IS THE PANAMA  
QUESTION OF SECONDARY INTEREST TO THE GOB (ALTHOUGH IT HAS  
SUPPORTED PANAMA OUT OF LATIN AMERICAN SOLIDARITY) BUT  
ALSO GEISEL IS HARDLY DISPOSED TO DO THE USG ANY FAVORS SUCH  
AS THAT IMPLIED IN HIS PRESENCE AT THE CEREMONY. MOREOVER,  
GEISEL IN EFFECT TURNED DOWN AN INVITATION FOR AN OFFICIAL  
VISIT DURING THE FORD ADMINISTRATION.

2. GIVEN THE CERTAINTY OF A REFUSAL, I DO NOT INTEND TO  
RAISE THE QUESTION.

3. I MIGHT ADD MY OPINION THAT THE IDEA OF A CONVOCATION OF  
LATIN AMERICAN CHIEFS OF STATE IS A DANGEROUS ONE (BEYOND  
HAVING A RING OF PATERNALISM). IF AS I WOULD EXPECT, THERE  
WOULD BE SOME, PERHAPS MANY, SIGNIFICANT ABSENCES, THE OPPONENTS  
OF THE TREATY WOULD HAVE EXCELLENT AMMUNITION TO CHALLENGE  
THE VALIDITY OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S JUDGMENT ABOUT LATIN  
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AMERICAN ATTITUDES.

4. THIS DANGER WOULD BE REDUCED SOMEWHAT, I WOULD JUDGE, IF  
INVITATION TO ATTEND A CEREMONY IN WASHINGTON WERE JOINT  
ONE BY PRESIDENT CARTER AND TORRIJOS. ALTHOUGH AT THE VERY  
BEST THIS MIGHT IMPROVE THE CHANCES OF GEISEL'S ACCEPTANCE  
SLIGHTLY, I DO NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD CHANGE HIS

ATTITUDE. AN INVITATION BY TORRIJOS TO A CEREMONY IN PANAMA WOULD  
ELICIT THE WIDEST RESPONSE IN MY OPINION, BUT I CAN WELL  
UNDERSTAND WHY SUCH A SCENARIO WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR  
US.

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